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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/631,638; Filed: August 2, 2000
For: **Process for the Recovery of Organic Acids**
Inventors: Moore and Sanborn
Our Ref: 1533.0980001/SRL/PAJ

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application," dated October 2, 2000, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (*in duplicate*);
3. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
4. Original Declaration, executed by Kevin M. Moore and Alexandra J. Sanborn;
5. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;

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6. Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement with copy of Assignment attached:
7. Check No. 29770 in the amount of \$1,400.00 to cover:

\$710.00	Filing fee for patent application;
\$450.00	Excess claim fee;
\$130.00	Late filing fee;
\$110.00	One month extension of time fee; and
8. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



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Enclosures

FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2001

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$1,400.00)

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/631,638
Filing Date	August 2, 2000
First Named Inventor	Moore
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
Group Art Unit	1633
Attorney Docket No.	1533.0980001/SRL/PAJ

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to:

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Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

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*Charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments in the fees or fee calculations of Parts 1, 2 and 3 below to Deposit Account No. 19-0036

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355 Utility filing fee
106	320	206	160 Design filing fee
107	490	207	245 Plant filing fee
108	710	208	355 Reissue filing fee
114	150	214	75 Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 710.00)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 45 - 20** = 25	X 18	= 450.00

Indep. Claims 3 - 3** = 0 X = 0.00

Multiple Dependent =

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204 135 Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209 40 **Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210 9 **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 450.00)

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SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Peter A. Jackman	Registration No. Attorney/Agent:	45 986	Telephone	202-371-2600
Signature				Date	12/13/00

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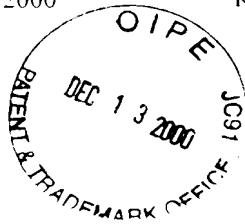


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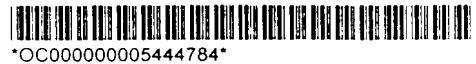
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FORMALITIES LETTER



Date Mailed: 10/02/2000

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$450.
 - \$450 for 25 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1270.**

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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